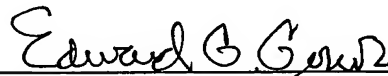


**REMARKS**

Claims 4, 16, 27, 29, 31, 33, 36, 27 and 40 have been allowed. As a result, all other claims have now been canceled, which places this application in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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